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Major General James H. Walsh  
Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

In answer to your letter of 1 October mentioning the problems confronting the Air Technical Intelligence Center with respect to using our raw intelligence reports, I readily agree that the matter deserves our joint consideration. Your suggestion of a working committee is most appropriate because quite different problems arise with respect to the different types of reports we produce. Our working committee will be chaired by Mr. [redacted] and will contain representatives of our Offices of Security, Operations, and Foreign Intelligence Staff.

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I am sure that we will both profit by the work of this joint committee, and we in this Agency are prepared to do whatever we can to facilitate the important intelligence research work being conducted at the ATIC.

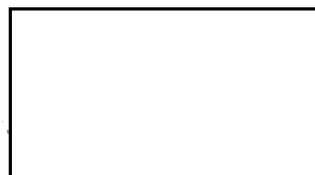
Sincerely,

*C. P. Cabell*  
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General, USAF  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

1 October 1958

Dear Pearre:

We are concerned over a real and serious problem which confronts the Air Technical Intelligence Center (AFCIN-4) with respect to the use of CIA-produced intelligence information. Essentially, there are two aspects to the problem. One is the controls and limitations placed on CIA material which make it difficult to release information to ATIC contractors despite adequate security safeguards and unquestioned need-to-know. The other aspect concerns the controls and limitations placed on CIA-produced intelligence information which severely restricts ATIC in its use of the material in studies, reports, briefs, bulletins and other documentary media published by that organization.

It is my belief that existing NSCID and DCID directives on these subjects are sufficiently flexible to permit interpretation which could result in the formulation of workable agreements mutually acceptable to CIA, AFCIN and ATIC. With due regard to the urgency, seriousness and complexity of the problem, the Commander, ATIC has recently appointed two qualified individuals to represent him and to meet with CIA and AFCIN personnel in order to formulate joint agreements on the release and utilization of CIA-produced intelligence information.

May I suggest that you appoint a working committee from your organization to meet with the ATIC representatives and selected individuals from my staff at an early date. I would urge that such a committee convene and remain in session until suitable agreements are prepared for consideration at our level.

I am confident that considerable mutual benefit can be derived from the type of agreement suggested here. To this end I pledge my fullest support and the cooperation of the Air Force representatives who will participate in this effort.

*James H. Walsh*  
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Assistant Chief of Staff,  
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General Charles P. Cabell  
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\* Dear Jim.  
 (For your information, General Cabell concurs in General Walsh's suggestion regarding a working committee.  
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